

RESOLUTION NO. 20210225-003

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster for all 254 counties in Texas due to severe winter weather posing an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain statewide; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, Mayor Steve Adler, acting in accordance with authority granted to him under the Charter and under Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, declared a local state of disaster for the City due to concerns related imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain (the “Disaster Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, Section 418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code provides that such a declaration of disaster may not be continued for a period of more than seven days except with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the City Council was scheduled to meet on Thursday, February 18, 2021 and had an item on its agenda to consider continuing the Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the City Council meeting was canceled due to severe utility outages throughout the City and fact that City employees are responding to

emergencies nonstop since the start of this emergency on top of dealing with matters related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City is taking extraordinary measures to protect and shelter people from severe weather conditions;

WHEREAS, the extreme cold continues to severely impact City utility services and the roadways will be treacherous until the weather changes therefore Mayor Adler renewed the Disaster Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the conditions necessitating the Disaster Declaration will continue to exist for a period of more than seven days; and


WHEREAS, the City Council supports the Disaster Declaration signed and renewed by the Mayor, and consents to its continuation for a period of more than seven days; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council hereby ratifies the Disaster Declaration signed by Mayor Adler on February 14, 2021 and renewed on February 19, 2021, and consents to its continuation for a period of thirty days from the date of this Resolution, or until such time as it is terminated by action of the Council, whichever is sooner.

ADOPTED: February 25, 2021

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk